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# THE LAMB REVEALS THE HOLY LIFE

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Revelation 1:12 – 20 “And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks One like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14. His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; 15. And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. 16. And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18. I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. 19. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; 20. The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”

Before John could be shown the Future, he had first to see Christ in His present dealings with the churches.

When we preach, or read and talk of, or think of the Coming of Christ, it ought to make me very aware of my present position in Christ... That is the Purpose of reminding me. My confidence in meeting Christ is governed only by my conduct today.

It's begging the question to say, 'Jesus is coming Hallelujah!' and be careless about my life now. This Revelation – this Special Message – is for all men, both the unregenerate and the holy and mature in Christ.

Unless John could really understand beforehand how Christ was dealing with people like John and the churches, he would not have been able to take in properly the Future of those churches when the Trumpet sounds.

v19 "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;"

"... the things which are..." and then the things which shall be hereafter. The "things which are" is the condition of the churches. It is the Present that we need to be careful of. Christ was calling one church back to Himself; the First Love. [Ephesus; 2:1 – 7; v4] He was calling another to faithfulness, in order that they be steadied. [Philadelphia; 3:7 – 13; v11]

He was calling and warning the churches in order for them to get rid of those inducing them, who were drawing them away from their concentration on God. It was not by the preaching of error, but by allowing compromise, slackness and error in their midst. The putting up with it thereby weakened their own faith and the faith of others. They were to warn others to put them out of their midst.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." [2 Timothy 3:5]

The only Proof that the Son of God died for my sins is that He is alive. And if He is alive, there must be that Life in me! His Life in me combating other lives; my human nature, my inherent liking to do wrong things, which is all sin, and its consequences in sicknesses.

There must be this proof in me that Jesus is alive, the One I look to as my Saviour from sin. He is competent to keep me once I am saved from my sin. I must have this confidence.

The same types of people exist in churches today as in those days who teach people in assemblies to be 'nice' Christians, to go to meetings and then go and do other things.

"Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce My servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols." [Revelation 2:20]

**"to seduce My servants" "to eat things sacrificed unto idols"** All to break down their concentration, to take them off the things of God and put them on things resembling those of God; things done by people who are of God.

We must come out of these things or we will suffer with them that do these things. They are those **"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:"** Quite different from that enthusiastic, warm-hearted Obedience.

He was calling others in Sardis to repent from their unreadiness to meet Him when He comes. They had a name that they lived, but He said they were dead.

So John saw all these things before he saw the Lamb controlling all things.

Now, the Lamb is controlling all things in Love, by His passionate desire to live with all those redeemed by His Blood. Through the letters to the churches He is calling others to repent of their worldliness, as with the church at Laodicea, and of their worldly living.

We have to face it; the things in our lives, the things in our homes, and in our circumstances, relationships; all those things that cool my ardour for Christ down. As we are called to preach, we cannot keep quiet! God doesn't!

The Message of the book of Revelation and of Jesus Christ is for Today. That Love that He wanted from the Ephesian church can keep me today!

In writing to the church in Philadelphia, He speaks of keeping the word of His patience. In other words, they kept the same Word of God which He Himself had kept.

“Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” [Revelation 3:10]

“And in the midst of the seven candlesticks One like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.” [Revelation 1:13]

It was the same Jesus that John had known, as he wrote of the Word of Life, that Eternal Life...

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) [1 John 1:1 – 2]

... but He was different! He was seen like that for a different action. He had already dealt with the sin on the Cross; now He was dealing with the sinner whose sin He had put away. In other words, me!

He is seen as being just like God on the Throne:

"His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow;"  
[Revelation 1:14]

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit,  
whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure  
wool..." [Daniel 7:9]

He was seen as completely different from all other living beings. Someone like God who hated sin, in the way that no one else hated sin. The angels who serve God have no hatred for sin; they only have a hatred for those who are opposed to their Master. This hatred of sin is different. Its object is to destroy all the things that damn and kill men, because if men would still keep their sins then they go with their sins to where God would have their sins to go.

Do I hate sin? Am I learning to hate sin? If I am then I will not have to be told what sin is. It is not the obviously wrong things which those in the world do, but sin is simply not doing what God tells me to do now.

The One that John saw is Someone who would have all of us to be as holy as He is. He cried in the Old Testament, through Isaiah the prophet, "Come now..." for He is Someone who hates sin, and He was calling those who were sick with sin, with spiritual sores...

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." [Isaiah 1:18]

We cannot just 'come to Christ' and leave it like that. This is a Message of Holiness. God says He will make us "as white as snow". Our sins would be lost in that blazing Holiness of that deadly Hatred expressed at Calvary, so that men could come to God through Jesus.

**"though they be red"** The Cross reveals Christ's passionate longing for us to have this same intense hatred of anything not of God.

This vision of Christ with His head and hair as white as snow, John saw Him in that brilliant Light, not as he had seen Him before. Now Christ is showing John that He is not going to tolerate sin or live with it anymore. Anyone who wants to live with Jesus must be without sin.

Isaiah also saw Christ in blazing holiness, and his reaction, although he had been preaching a holy message, said that he was unholy. It was not that Isaiah had committed sin, but that his very flesh was unclean in the sight of that Holiness.

“In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. 2. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet and with twain he did fly. 3. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory. 4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” [Isaiah 6:1- 5]

John also fell before Him as dead. The Holy Spirit let him fall! He couldn't say that he wasn't unclean, but certainly his flesh was unclean. The more I am conscious of Christ, the more I know it. The living in the world taints me. It is filthy; it stains me just being in it, let alone doing wrong things, having wrong companionships, enjoyments, pleasures... Death to all that!

Don't get slowly, more gradually whittled away from my first holiness, either by people in the church or outside of it. Don't be induced to leave that rigid line. There must be No Compromise. Say, 'I want JESUS'. If I am going to have Him, I will do the things He would do.

And so now He is having No Dealings With Sin! “It is finished”. There is **no more offering for sin...**

“And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.” [Hebrews 10:17 - 18]

This declares His inability to live with sin. It is not that He won't live with sin, but that He can't any longer live with sin. He cannot tolerate it. He has finished with it. He put it away. Otherwise we would be crucifying the Son of God again to ourselves, and it is not possible that He should die again for our sins. He has done the job, otherwise I could say that my sin has not been put away.

It has been put away, right out of God's holy sight. That's Calvary! I can't underestimate its power to cleanse me from my sin. If I want it in my life then I will not be reduced to compromise, a pathetic attempt to appear 'Christian'!

Holiness is very exacting; we can't get away from that!

Demons, which are living emblems of wickedness, knew Jesus. They knew Him as **the Holy One of God**.

"Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God." [Mark 1:24]

Evil spirits and men, including compromising Christians, carnal Christians, will recognise Holiness if it is there, and keep away...

Yet there is positive victory every time I come to His Holiness. My flesh has known sin; my hands, my eyes, my feet, and my mind.

The description of Christ in Revelation One includes Christ's feet and mouth. His feet and His mouth are holy. Unholy feet and mouths cannot live with a Holy God who has never known sin. My hands that have known sin have no practical working knowledge of Holiness.

Take Heart! If He, your Lord Jesus, is determined not to live with any impurity, then say, 'Then I will be pure'. Do I want to be free from compromise? Then Take Heart! If He is not going to live with any wrong thinking, then I won't think wrongly, or be induced to doing so, instead, I will live a holy life. And others will see it.

Because Christ has finished dealing with sin for both Heaven and earth, we have to meet Him either as Saviour or Judge. There is no more a Lamb to be slain... If I go against that Sacrifice and continue to sin, what else have I got?

I can serve my generation by the will of God...

"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers and saw corruption:" [Acts 13:36]

"For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." [Hebrews 9:26]

To God, the world as a thinking evil thing was finished, and now, out of it He is gathering His people unto Him. There will be a final settling of the account. So I must settle my account with Him now.

"And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;  
[Revelation 1:15]

They were feet that were accustomed to walking in fire. They looked as though they were burning up, but were blazing hot, white hot.



They were feet that were accustomed to walking in the physical presence of Eternity; of our sin-hating God.

Seeing His feet indicates a walk, a holy walk. As God in human flesh, He was a Man accustomed to walking in Holiness. He said, "**I am not of this world**".

"And He said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world." [John 8:23]

He had also said, "**I came down...**"

"For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." [John 6:38]

When He came down He got men's feet! Feet of flesh and bones, they were the same feet that John saw, looking as if He was walking about in a blazing furnace. He took on human feet; He was weary, and fell asleep. At the well He was tired, but when His disciples came with food, He said He had meat to eat that was to do with His Father's Kingdom... That was to win men's souls.

"The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29. Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? 30. Then they went out of the city, and came unto Him. 31. In the mean while His disciples prayed Him, saying, Master, eat. 32. But He said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 33. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought Him ought to eat? 34. Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." [John 4:28 - 34]

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" [Isaiah 52:7]

Everything that is obedient is beautiful to God! It is not the beauty as we see it, with our fleshly eyes and mind. His feet now have holes in them where the nails were hammered in. John saw them when Christ showed Himself after His Resurrection, but then John saw this great Revelation. This is Christ's great longing that I should be clean.

He has the same scars from those wounds He bore on the Cross. Once and for all He gave His Body. His feet burned as if in a furnace, for His feet are no more to walk in the presence of sin.

We now have Another Comforter! And He is quite adequate, quite competent to show me Christ really, as though I see Him.

And we have the Word of God. Nothing can shake it or alter it. There is nothing to taint or soil or confuse whatever in it. We have our Head, the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, and we have the Holy Spirit, and we have the Word, and we also have the Gifts of the Holy Spirit – ministering Gifts, of prophecy etc.

These are not of men, but of God!

These are all I need to be able to live this holy life before God!

# YIELDING TO LOVE

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*Here we have the narrative of Gabriel visiting Mary and announcing to her that she will bear the promised Christ. To most preachers and teachers that is all there is to it! But here, we are immediately faced with God's healing for us and our total response to God's dealing with us.*

In Luke Chapter One, Gabriel's Message to Mary reveals that "great is the mystery of godliness" [1 Timothy 3:16]

Luke 1:34 – 37 "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37. For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Mary asks, "How?" Many people ask "How?" ! Nicodemus was one in the Bible. The Answers are all given! [FACT] Gabriel's explanation to Mary was miraculous, we would say impossible. But we must have that attitude to accept the impossible. [PRINCIPLE]

v38 "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."

Mary was saying to the Lord, "Do as You wish". I must be prepared to accept God's Word as sufficient for me. [PRINCIPLE]

Healing has already been proclaimed by God: "with His stripes we are healed" [Isaiah 53:5] [FACT]

vs 28 – 29 "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be."

Mary was troubled at being told she had found favour with God! We must train ourselves to accept God's Word as it is heard. [PRINCIPLE]

Mary was not prepared for the contact from God, yet she was totally involved – physically, spiritually and mentally. God will heal the way He wants to heal. [FACT]. I should be changed when He has healed me. [PRINCIPLE]

v35 “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:”

In other words, ‘The Holy Spirit shall take charge of your body’. And it is the same when one is healed. The Holy Spirit does the work. [PRINCIPLE] When we are Baptised (in the Holy Spirit) we are given Gifts, showing that we are healed. I must take it from God as benefitting me.

Mary accepted it, and said, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word”, v38.

v35 “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee”. This is the Condition for this to happen. Therefore, as with Mary, we are to be completely yielded. [PRINCIPLE] We must be prepared to accept God’s dealings with us. There must be no tension. We must be relaxed! [PRINCIPLE]

God cannot do anything with a taut spirit. God is gentle; He gives no pain. He is a Healer. “A son is given...” [Isaiah 9:6] [PRINCIPLE – God Gives!!]

If I am waiting for God to do something for me, the sign of that waiting is Peace. There will be a lack of tension. [PRINCIPLE]

In the same Chapter One of Luke, we read that Zacharias was not flexible. He was so bound up with his religious duties that he missed the touch of God. There must have been some fear of some kind in him. [PRINCIPLE]

“Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh.” [Proverbs 3:25]

We should be immune to Satan’s attacks. [PRINCIPLE] God’s care is the same over me as it was for Mary! [PRINCIPLE]

“and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee” keeping out all other influences. [PRINCIPLE]

Luke 9:34 – 35 “While he [Peter] thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. 35. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son: hear Him.”

He enveloped them by the cloud; shut out everything but **Christ**. Christ was seen alone. The only influence was the voice of God in the cloud.

So when we need healing, do the same! Wait in peace, without tension, let the Power of the Highest overshadow you, enveloping you so that every other influence is shut out and you see only Christ! [PRINCIPLE]

Mary was treated carefully by God. She was surrounded only by God. God doesn't need anyone to help Him. It is Christ that died. It was entirely the Work of God. Man had no part of it. The Results therefore were the Product of God!

v35      “therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

This is the Proof! “that holy thing” was the Son of God.

Physical healing should come together with the removal of sin. The proof of your healing will be a showing forth of a greater consciousness of God. When you are touched by God for healing, there will be a difference of attitude in you.

“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. 2. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: 3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;” [Psalm 103:1 – 5]

**“all that is within me...”** The response must be full and complete surrender. [PRINCIPLE]

Gabriel's last words to Mary were, “For with God nothing shall be impossible”.

Therefore, be conscious of the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit.

Remember there is as much attention from God for you as there was for Mary. [PRINCIPLE]

Remember that sin and disease are all the same to God, so we all need the same overshadowing from His Holy Presence. [PRINCIPLE]

# OVERCOMING THE ACCUSER

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Revelation 12:9 – 11 “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

When Satan is cast down to the earth, after the Church has gone, there is no-one for him to accuse! Satan doesn't accuse unbelievers, they are as good as corpses – dead.

v10 “**day and night**”. His filthy accusations came streaming down day and night.

v11a “**they overcame him**”. In order to overcome the accuser, the accusations must die with it. Accusations in many cases may be true! Except in Jesus' life where nothing could be used as a charge against Him. “Which of you convinceth Me of sin?” He asked. [John 8:46] He was entirely innocent before God and man. It is not so with us! Even if we are born again, we still have our sinful human nature.

v11 “**they**”. In spite of the accusations they were able to claim God's attention, His ear. They knew that Jesus had shed His Blood for them.

So whether the accusations are true or false, I should take it that I need to come to God in any case. I should not get offended if I am told, ‘That's wrong!’ To be offended is wrong!

The overcoming is only by the Blood of the Lamb.

“And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus...”  
[Hebrews 10:17 – 19]

v17 “**And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**” Now that Christ did what God wanted in taking our sins to the Cross, there is no more offering for sin.

v19 “**brethren**”. The same ones as those accused by “the accuser of the brethren” !

Just admit that there is no good thing in me [Romans 7:18] Then it doesn't matter whether the accusation is true or false! For in that way I am not trusting in my own self righteousness.

(“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”)

A misunderstanding of your power in the situation arises by giving ear to the accuser. It says, “they overcame” the accuser. I must claim access to God through the Blood immediately, otherwise the sting will remain.

We cannot handle Satan politely. The Cross is without politeness. Sin demands violent actions...

I must attack Satan. But I must be clean even from what I have done which has not been a point of his accusation!

False accusations should not hurt me! I should find myself going into the very Presence of Holiness in the teeth of all the stream of filth from Satan.

Through the Blood of the Cross I have immediate entry, because I am a sinner! Therefore I can come boldly in the complete absence of sin.

The overcomers were those who had claimed the Promise, as God spoke by Isaiah...

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” [Isaiah 1:18]

A complete change was promised by God. And we are to come, and to come NOW! There must be no delay. I must not delay to get the sting out of my system and to get right with God.

I must use what God has given me to overcome, and that is the Promise of entry into His Presence. I can claim complete transformation through the Cross.

Because Christ died, anyone coming to God believing this will be transformed.

“And the Voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.” [Acts 10:15]

God didn't mean that Peter or we couldn't say that a man wasn't sinning, but that any man could come claiming entrance into God's Presence through Christ's Blood.

I am accepted only because in God's eyes I am made clean by the Blood of the Cross. I am accepted as holy, that is, fit for God to deal with me.

“They” recognised that only as God was willing to receive them on this basis, could they know how to repent. They didn't go in and come out again to sin again. They overcame.

I must be cleansed from the touch of the accusation.

“They” knew that God was willing to receive them. And the more they knew that, the more they wanted to repent.

It will be the “accuser of the brethren” who will be cast down! “They” realised that it was not through any good performance on their part, but that it is the Goodness of God that leads us to repentance [Romans 2:4]

(“Or despises thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that **the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?**”)

The result of coming through my offering up to God will be that everything will be burned up. God's response will be to receive me!

Esau found no place of repentance [Genesis 27:33 – 41, Hebrews 12:17]

(“For ye know how that afterward, when he [Esau] would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.”)

People might put things right between themselves, but it is God who is the most offended. We must put the matter right in the Highest Place!

**“Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned ...”** [Psalm 51:4]

(“Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest”)



The Blood of the Cross makes me able to say, 'O Lord, do something for me'.

Esau would not admit that he needed cleansing from God.

To repent means to be as God wants me to be.

**"and by the word of their testimony;"** [Revelation 12:11b] Their Testimony was Christ Crucified!! The Evidence of their Salvation through the Blood of Jesus!!

"For to me to live is Christ", meaning by the Word of God. [Philippians 1:21]

("For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.")

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..." [Galatians 2:20]

In other words, Christ's Word lives in me.

("I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.")

**"and they loved not their lives unto the death"** [Revelation 12:11c] They loved not their lives. They loved Him who was now their Life!

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v6 “**a Lamb...**”

Jesus Christ was God’s Sacrifice for us to bring us to Himself, who is a holy, sin-hating God. It was a very necessary Sacrifice!

Certain animals were listed to be killed whenever it was necessary to approach God [Leviticus] Bullocks, rams, a heifer, calves, goats, sheep and kids, and lambs were all used under God’s express Command.

Lambs were not used any more than bullocks, as we see in Leviticus, but Jesus was never referred to as anything else but as the Lamb.

John 1:29 “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

v36 “And looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!”

“**Behold the Lamb of God**”

Acts 8:32 “The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened He not His mouth.”

**“like a lamb dumb before his shearer”**

And in the book of Revelation itself, **twenty-eight times** the Lord Jesus is referred to as a Lamb. The lamb among all those animals is the only one to offer absolutely no resistance to the one killing it. It must have smelt death as all animals do, but it remained silent. It gives the impression of almost helping the slayer...

Jesus is called “the Lamb”, and of no other animal description because of the way He gave Himself to God’s Word. The Word of God is personal to me. A general Truth becomes personal every time I look at God’s Book! Every one of us is loved with equal intensity.

Isaiah 53:7 “He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.”

**“He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter”** He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter. He went with them!

They led Him.

Luke 23:1 “And the whole multitude of them arose, and led Him unto Pilate.”

They bound Him, as one might restrain a violent criminal...

Matthew 27:2 “And when they had bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.”

When going to be sacrificed, the lamb did not bleat or squeal, like the bullock and other animals.

John 19:17 “And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha.”

**“He went forth”** He went with His tormentors unto the place of the skull. [Golgotha in the Hebrew; Calvary is from the Latin, as in Luke 23:33 “And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him...”]

If it is filthy to us then how much more was it to Him?

Am I in God’s place?

All His divine Love and energy, right from the cradle, and at all times was concentrated on giving every part of Himself to those tormentors at that time.

Isaiah 50:6 "I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting."

'I gave Myself to the smiters, not to the comforters!'

'I gave My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair'

'I hid not My face from shame and spitting'

There was no tying of Him down by them to do it. His Power could have destroyed them if He hadn't concentrated Himself on giving Himself...

John 18:6 "As soon then as He had said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground  
v12 "Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound Him."

As soon as He had said, 'I am' (the word 'he' is put in italics to indicate it is added to make more of a sentence), but was He using His Eternal Name "I AM" for they fell backward to the ground... Then they tied Him up. Even as they were arresting Him He just touched the servant's ear which Peter had cut off with his sword, and healed him. Such giving of Himself to heal and save and restore men to God!!

God called Him the Lamb because all that Power, Passion and Love was in that giving Himself to those men thirsting for His Blood-

Jesus hadn't come to destroy, so all His Power was constrained - meaning, 'kept in that path' - to Give.

The Word restricted Christ. It limited Him to do only those things written of Him.

Matthew 26:53 - 54 "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? 54. But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?"

God's Word must be Right! Could you hear Him saying, 'If My face is almost pulled to bits, My head mad with pain from the thorns pressed into it, My back laid open from the scourging, when I can easily get out of it, then **God's Word must be Right!**'

Jesus came out of Eternity with this determination: 'God's Word instead of My Life.'

Have I come out of the world with this same thought, understanding and determination?

I cannot obey God without loving Him.

Consider the Lord Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane... He said to God, 'All things are possible unto You.'

Mark 14:35 - 36 "And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 36. And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt."

He fell to the ground. He left God to choose.

For me, whatever the alternative or scope of God's boundaries, I must then determine to do what God says, and know that it is Right! That is what gives God the greatest honour. God's Way is the best!

Psalms 40:6 - 8 "Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire; Mine ears hast Thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast Thou not required. 7. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of Me. 8. I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart."

"it is written of Me". It therefore must be Right!

"I delight to do Thy will"

I can't have anything to do with God unless I love Him. Only by love can I answer God's Call.

When God calls me to do something and I do it grudgingly, it is better not to do it at all. I must start again and repent.

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In order to live with God in Eternity, I must do Two Things:

First. I must receive this terrible Giving as personally for my sake. Remember, it took the holy Son of God to make me right with God.

He is able to satisfy my every craving. God is able to satisfy me in His Son. He is sufficient to meet my every need.

Second. I must receive God's Word as it applies to my life as absolutely right. I must know that there cannot be another way, there is no alternative.

The book of Revelation reveals that there are Two Classes of people:

One.

5:8 – 10 “And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

Two.

6:12 – 17 “And I beheld when He had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13. And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16. And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17. For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

The Message is all based on The Lamb!

The Two Classes are, One, those who have received this Word as absolute and right for their lives, and, Two, those who do not wish to make this Word their life.

*How simple that sounds!! May the Lord grant us wisdom to receive the Truth of this revelation.*

# THE LAMB BRINGS MAN TO GOD

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The **Lamb**. God’s Sacrifice for us “to bring us to God” as the scripture says.

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.” [1 Peter 3:18]

He is called **the Lamb**; not by any other animal description.

“He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter” That was the way in which He was taken.

“He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.” [Isaiah 53:7]

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The description of how the lamb went, not any other animal. And the way which Jesus went to the Cross, to His slaughter; His death.

The lamb was quite helpless, it offered no resistance. And it is the way which Jesus went. He offered no resistance. His Giving of Himself was to bring me to God, in Whom there is everything for me! There is nothing more to be done. I am the recipient of His Giving.

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**“bring us to God”**

“To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved.” [Ephesians 1:6]

**“accepted in the beloved”**

“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.” [Ephesians 2:13]

**“ye who ... were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ”** No doubts.

God gives freely. It is only unbelief that limits God. For the children in the wilderness, when God gave them water, it flowed from the rock even for the cattle. [Exodus 17, Numbers 20:11 “And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.” (Though Moses was disobedient)]

The Lamb is the Giver, and He brought us the way that He came, as a lamb. He said, “I am the Way”. There is absolute confidence there. God cannot fail me, because He sent His Son! Unbelief really is the worst sin we could commit...

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” [John 14:6]

In the book of Acts, we see the success of the ministry of the Apostles. There was complete unity among the believers. There was no disagreement among them with the teaching. They were of one heart and one soul.

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” [Acts 2:42]

**“they continued ... in the apostles’ doctrine”** It must have given the apostles great power. They preached Christ Crucified – the Lamb!





# FIXED ON GOD ALONE

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Matthew 6:19 – 24 “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness. 24. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

v22 “The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

What my eye is fixed upon – what I see most clearly in my vision – affects my thinking and guides my conduct.

It is what I see that moves me most. What I see most clearly in vision in my heart is what determines my decisions.

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” [Genesis 3:6]

“**And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food**” her thoughts coincided with Satan. The tree was good for food. The tree was good to look upon, and it was also good to make her wise... But not good to keep her gaze upon Christ. Those truths couldn’t keep her gaze upon Christ

The light is the eye, not in it! What my eye sees, that is what guides me.

“By faith he [Moses] forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.” [Hebrews 11:27]

Moses knew exactly what it meant to oppose Pharaoh but his eye saw beyond that. Moses went out with only a stick! And Moses was the only one who knew what God had said.

I will never be able to do the right thing unless my eye is fixed on God, that is through His Word. I must therefore shut out all other influences. Moses was only great because he saw God. My greatness depends on my concentration on His Word.

Moses knew the pressure all around him. Aaron even didn't have it in him to go all the way. Of Moses it says, "he endured". He went on and on and on with God. I also have embarked on this Road! I cannot do the things that the world does. I would be too miserable !

"I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee. 6. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." [Job 42:5 - 6]

Both Moses and Job had pressures, but of different kinds. In both men the same is true : "The light of the body is the eye:" [Matthew 6:22]

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Christ said, 'All things are possible unto Thee; You take away this cup.' His eye was on only One Being.

"And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt." [Mark 14:36]

He was conscious of the weight of the sin of the world now bearing down upon Him, and He was also conscious of the Price He had to pay. Of course in a much lesser way, but we have the same pressure upon us. It makes me more thoughtful, more conscious of the difficulty I am facing, whether trouble or blessing. Because whatever the cost, I must keep my gaze fixed upon God.

Jesus said "nevertheless". It shows His concentration on God. That closed His prayer. What Jesus saw decided it for Him.

The pressure around us and in our lives is stepping up because of Jesus' soon Coming. I cannot afford in these days to slip away from my concentration on God's Word.

As Jesus said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee", that must also be my fixation. The same God who controlled His affairs is mine. Through Isaiah the prophet He said:

"For the Lord GOD will help Me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." [Isaiah 50:7]

For myself, I can still see Jesus. It will be only my tempestuous spirit that can dim that vision.

**"therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set My face like a flint"**

Out of the twelve men that Christ chose, one man was set on betraying Him. But for Jesus there was His love for Judas battling with His disgust for his sin.

'If I do not fix my gaze on You Lord', I should say, 'How will Your Word be fulfilled in me.' If Christ had not fixed His gaze on God, how could the Word have been fulfilled in Him?

Under the intense provocation of today, I should know that Peace and Protection of a fixed gaze on Jesus. Circumstances are not a guide. If that were true, Christ should never have died.

God's Word is Light. That Light must guide me, not circumstances, not people, not my desires. Jesus' greatest trouble with people was with His own!

God's Word is the judge of my life. Jesus was fixed on God's Word.

"Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be above all the earth." [Psalm 57:5]

v1 "Be merciful unto Me, O God, be merciful unto Me: for My soul trusteth in Thee: yea, in the shadows of Thy wings will I make My refuge, until these calamities be overpast." – His experiences with people expressed to God...

v2 "I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for Me." – God is in control of all experiences. He will not allow me to receive more than I am able [1 Corinthians 10:13]. I am His child; He is bringing me up!

**"let Thy glory be above all the earth." [v5]**

v6 "They have prepared a net for My steps; My soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before Me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah"

v7 "My heart is fixed, O God, My heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise."

**“The light of the body is the eye:”**

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If in all conditions personally affecting me today, if in any circumstances pressing upon me, if my eye is focused only upon God, that is, His Word to me – His desires, promises, commandments to me – then my whole body – life, which is my spirit and soul and physical feelings, will be filled with God.

“My soul, wait Thou only upon God; for My expectation is from Him.”  
[Psalm 62:5]

**“only” !**

v6 “He only is My rock and My salvation: He is My defence; I shall not be moved.”

**“He only” !**

There is no need to fly to other comforts.

The pressures of resisting sin and holding on to God will ease and eventually cease with each stage of backslidings. The pressures of the world on those that are in the world come from their own sin.

“He is My defence; I shall not be moved.” He declared, ‘I shall not be moved.’

When I feel the pressures of the world more than the pressure of God upon me, the first sign is restlessness.

For Peter to walk on the water was impossible, but the Word of Jesus would have kept him going if he had kept to that Word!

Rahab, the harlot, lived in a filthy city (Jericho), and she hid the Israelite spies. She was afraid at hearing what Joshua’s God had done to the nations on the other side of the Jordan. The spies said, ‘Hang the scarlet thread in your window if you want to be saved.’ So she let them down from her house on the wall by a cord and they escaped safely. [Joshua 2 – 6]

The walls of Jericho fell flat, but her house wasn’t destroyed. She brought out all her family safely, and they were all saved alive. She had a fixed gaze! She knew it was God who had brought the Israelites miraculously through the waters of Jordan.

“And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priest that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. 14. And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; 15. And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16. That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.” [Joshua 3:13 – 16]

The Word of God says that those with a clean heart have clear vision...

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” [Matthew 5:8]

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Revelation 1:16 – 17 “And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:”

He was unable to be looked upon with the natural eye.

“when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead” John saw Jesus in this manner before He saw Him as the Lamb on the Father’s Throne. He had never seen Him like this before. John knew that Christ was the Judge, but it was another thing to see Him as He was! So John fell as dead before Him.

This is the Reality. Judgment begins at the house of God, as Peter said in his first letter. Judgment does not include Mercy or Grace. It is based on Facts!

“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?” [1 Peter 4:17]

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” [2 Corinthians 5:10]

Judgment at the seat of Christ.

v16 “And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

He was unapproachable as He was. John saw Him as the Judge, weighing up things as they were in the churches. “I know thy works” He said to each one of the seven. He knows according to the Facts not Mercy or Grace.

## **“by Him actions are weighed”**

“Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and **by Him actions are weighed.**” [1 Samuel 2:3]

“And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14. His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; 15. And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters.” [Revelation 1:12 – 15]

John saw Christ as **the Judge**. The vision he had of Him expresses a terrific energy against sin. If I were filled with this Holiness, I would be energetic against sin in me and in others.

His voice was as the sound of many waters, v15b, as Ezekiel also experienced:

“Afterward He brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: 2. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and His voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with His glory. 3. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.” [Ezekiel 43:1 – 3]

The sound of His voice like the sound of many waters shows great force, like a great roaring waterfall. We need to know that the LORD will unleash His Judgment on the earth. We must show others that there is no other hope once the Church goes...

His feet were like unto fine brass, [v15a]. He was unable to walk any more amongst sin. Now, on God's right hand, He lives unto God until the time when He comes to destroy the wicked.

v16 “And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”

He will come to destroy the wicked with His sword which is the Word of God. We are told that in being shown the whole amour we are to have in Ephesians



**“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [Ephesians 6:17]**

The sword of the Spirit in my hand is to be used to destroy the powers of darkness, to wield it as a weapon or instrument against sin.

v14 “His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire;”

It was an impossibility for Him to live with anything unholy. John recognised the same Jesus, but He was different – very different! But for the first time he saw that He was exactly like God. John knew there was no compromise, that Christ could not have compromise, but Holiness only. In the time of Judgment, there will be no “saving Grace”.

We must really accept things as they are written and not be surprised when the trumpet sounds!

**“His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow”**. Exactly like God, as Daniel saw the Ancient of Days, the One before all things.

“I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire.”  
[Daniel 7:9]

Jesus Christ is the same as the sin-hating God, who is our Father who requires us to live with Him in Peace.

Jesus Christ has the same Holiness, the same God-inspired holiness.

We might fear God but not Christ! But His hatred for sin is the same as God's. This is what is brought out in the letters He dictated to John for the churches.

We are all hopeless in God's sight, but God sent Him!

In the spitting and mocking that Christ received, God was expressing His hatred for sin.

We can be holy, for the scripture says in Isaiah the prophet,

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” [Isaiah 1:18]

**“Though** your sins be as scarlet, they **shall** be as white as snow”

We can leave them all behind and repent!

Christ’s demand on God for the churches was urgent. Therefore God showed John by the Holy Spirit Christ as the Judge – it is His Revelation of Jesus Christ! – because He knows that the message of repentance or endurance to the churches which Christ had to give them is urgent in the knowledge and planning of the coming Judgment.

Therefore, this first vision that John had of Christ as the Son of man, the Judge, reveals only Judgment. Christ was then unapproachable. They needed to see His holiness, His total intolerance of sin in all its forms.

Ezekiel said, ‘When I saw Him, I fell on my face. Ezekiel’s message was a message of Judgment. He had to eat the scroll on which were written all the messages.

“And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; 10. And He spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. 3:1 – 3. Moreover He said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. 2. So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll. 3. And He said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.” [Ezekiel 2:9 – 10]

The Judgment of God must be known about and then preached. Ezekiel couldn’t stand up in the knowledge of the Judgment, but we are expected to stand up in the Judgment, for we are redeemed!

It is evident that God loved those men Daniel, Ezekiel and John, and also those in the churches **but we must see Him as He is**.

All three men, Daniel, Ezekiel and John fell at Christ’s feet as dead until Life touched them!

**Ezekiel:** “And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. 5. So the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.” [Ezekiel 43:3, 5]

**Daniel:** “So he [Gabriel] came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. 18. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.”  
[Daniel 8:17 – 18]

**John:** “And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last.” [Revelation 1:17a]

We cannot ‘cool it down’ after preaching about the Judgment of God to come. God must have us **in Christ**. We cannot live without Christ. Christ Himself said that He was daily God’s Delight.

“Then I was by Him, as One brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him;” [Proverbs 8:30]

I must be changed by God. His Way is not of the self. Esau sought a place of repentance, but none of those places was right, therefore he couldn’t be accepted by God.

“For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” [Hebrews 12:17]

“And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessings, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.”  
[Genesis 27:38]

The Judgment of God assures me that I have a God who is Holy! In Him there is no filth, no taint, no poison in His dealings with me.

“But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angel, 23. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24. And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.” [Hebrews 12:22]

We are come to “the blood of sprinkling”. Christ’s own Blood that was shed for the whole world. It speaks better things. It speaks of things pertaining to God, a holy, sin-hating God, who, through Christ’s Blood, is ready to receive me.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." [2 Peter 3:9]

God is not willing that any should perish. Therefore we are all able to be changed completely.

Do I want to keep the props of the world? There is the choice: the props or Christ? Am I governed by the pride of life? But Christ says, "Fear not"! As He said to John when he fell at His feet as dead! Christ is saying, 'I am sufficient to meet all God's demands on your behalf'. Can we take that in? As God makes His demands upon me for me to be holy, to hate sin, Christ is able to help. The obedience of Christ to God held Him together on the Cross, in the grave, in Hell, and He rose victorious! I can be saved from the secret desires of my heart because of Him. I cannot seek any other ways than His way.

"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18. I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." [Revelation 1:17 – 18]

Christ overcame Satan on my behalf. It is a complete work that He has done. There is nothing I can do or say to excuse my disobedience. It is important to face Satan with the truth of Calvary every day. There was Christ's Work. It is still fresh.

**"Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."**

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." [Matthew 16:18]

Jesus shut up the gates of Hell Himself and locked it, taking the keys with Him! Those who don't want Christ will go there. At the end, He will cast Hell and Death into the Lake of Fire...

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." [Revelation 20:14]

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10. The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." [Revelation 14:9 – 10]

Here it speaks of those rejecters of Christ in the Day of the LORD, the time of the Judgments.

They are those that are left on the earth, and the beast, the Antichrist, will reign over them. The man called the beast will be the human symbol of Satanic evil.

**“without mixture”**. There is no emotion about it; it is factual. In the end, when they are in the Lake of Fire, it will be in the presence of the Lamb. The Lamb who had shed His sinless Blood for them.

Christ’s Coming is near, and so is the coming of the beast...

We must face these things. We will pay the price for disregarding the things that cluster up in our lives.

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” [1 John 2:16]

Back to Revelation 14:

v12a “Here is the patience of the saints:”

These will be those who are not there! We are to take all desires as wrong. Instead of your desires, take Christ!

“And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, 40. And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself. If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. 41. Likewise also the chief priests mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42. He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. 43. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, I am the Son of God.” [Matthew 27:39]

This is what they believed, the way they saw it, but God’s Word had another way.

I should not be deceived by what I think will do me good!

v12b “here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

Let us keep His Word and life by His Faith until He comes for us!

## BROUGHT NEAR TO GOD

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Romans 8:1 – 2 “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”

“**not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**”. There is no doubting at all of what God can give me.

I am FREE from His Judgment, not condemned, that is, I am available, open to God to receive His blessings.

“**the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus**”. It means the Obedience of Christ to the Spirit, as He was governed, driven by the Spirit. The obedience of Christ to the Word operated by the Spirit results in blessings for me!!

“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.” [Ephesians 2:13]

“NOW”!

One of the results of His Obedience is that I am free from the law of sin and death.

I ought to be free to either receive what God has promised me, or to be rid of sin!

“**made nigh**”. I am brought near to God, so am counted as a healthy overcomer of sin!

“And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth or things in heaven.” [Colossians 1:20]

Another result of the law of the Spirit operating in Christ is that God has made Peace. God made peace with Him and with me! There is now a right relationship. There is no doubt, no guilt, no difference of opinion...

God's Wrath for my sin was put upon Christ. It exploded upon Him.

"And they overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

[Revelation 12:11]

I can get anything from God right now!! How? By the same law which operated in Christ Jesus, that is, through His Obedience.

I have failed because of sin, BUT the Blood has made me near to God.

Only my unbelief can stop me receiving from God.

NOW I am not a failure. I am a child of God!!

God says that I can be perfect.

Accusation, such as comes from Satan, cuts me down, but I overcome with God's Weapon! The Blood of The Lamb!!

# PREPARING FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

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Revelation 19:1 – 7 “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2. For true and righteous are His judgments: for He hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand. 3. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. 4. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. 5. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great. 6. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundering, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.”

We see many times in the book of Revelation the saints falling down before the throne of God. They fall down before Him consciously. They have no fear. They fall down to praise and worship Him.

To worship God, I must be fully conscious of who He is. His Power and Energy produces healing.

v7 “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.

A marriage is the official joining together in public of two parties – here on earth, only ending in death. The Marriage of the Lamb will be the same, an official joining together in the eternal public before millions of angels; all properly done – it’s only sin that has made things improper – and before all the prophets. Christ and His Church officially joined together as one.

Here on earth, I say I am a member of that Body. And the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than the greatest of all the prophets. John the Baptist, Jesus said, was greater than them all. This is God’s reckoning, not ours!



“For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” [Luke 7:28]

This Union can only be ended in death, but there is no death There! This relationship with Jesus will never end!

**“and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”** We will be caught away to meet Him. Then will come the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” [1 Thessalonians 4:16 – 17]

We must be ready for an Official Ceremony! The same as with marriage here, but different. He is the Lamb! He is not an ordinary man marrying an ordinary woman. Of course, the Marriage will take place after the Resurrection of those dead in Christ and those remaining alive in Christ. **“...and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”**

**“and so”** meaning, under those terms, that the dead are those dead in Christ and the “alive and remain” are those who remain obedient to Christ. It is those who shall be caught up in a union that only ends in death. Christ is to die no more; sin has been put away.

There is no sin in This Marriage. God’s Presence will be physically There! Jesus said, “Believe also in Me” [John 14:1] He could say, ‘God can raise the dead, so can I!’ “In My Father’s house are many mansions” [v2] “... I go to prepare a place for you” – a place suitable for me. “I will come again and receive you unto Myself” [v3] ‘I will receive My Bride for Myself’ – the Lamb’s Wife written in the Lamb’s Book!

“I will come again” Not any other He will come, the Lamb. He will come again Himself and receive His Bride. The principle of Marriage is the same, although the circumstances are very different! There will be no cars with white ribbons, and bouquets and buildings decorated with flowers! But the Lamb receives His Bride from the earth; His Church doesn’t wait for Him in Heaven! He will come, for He is a humble God...

Paul was massively intelligent, but when he saw Christ everything went. He saw a humble Man coming **“in a moment”** [1 Corinthians 15:52]

How can we ever understand that Christ could do such a thing for me, when it says, **“in my flesh dwelleth no good thing”** [Romans 7:18]

**“that where I am, there ye may be also”** [John 14:3] **“Now unto Him – who has no grudge against me – that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the Presence of His glory with exceeding joy”** [Jude 1:21]

Christ Himself is preparing a place for the Bride. Am I preparing to live There and to be taken by Him? It's only LOVE! He must come to take me There, I cannot take myself however pure a life I may live. We wait ... having only Him as my Passion.

To be at This Marriage requires preparation, just as in any ordinary marriage, and includes the mind and the heart. This Total Preparation is to be able to live a completely different physical life There. A new body, too!

The Principle purpose of This Marriage is to be intimate – closeted – with Jesus Christ for ever! **“... and so shall we be ever with the Lord”** [1 Thessalonians 4:17] With Him. He always give pleasure to His people. The more holy I am the more pleasure I will get out of Christ!

John, in receiving these visions speaks of the Marriage of the Lamb in advance, recording what he heard, **“the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready”** [Revelation 19:7]

There are two parts to a Contract. We cannot afford to be careless. If you are doing something contrary to the known Word of God, you are in a dangerous position.

**“... Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word”** [Ephesians 5:25 – 26]

**“Behold My Servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect in whom My soul delighteth;”** [Isaiah 42:1] God delighted in Christ, and God delights in This Marriage

**“That He might sanctify and cleanse it”** so that it is attracted to Him. Am I attracted only by Him? If that is so then He will be First in my life and other requirements will take second place. If other relationships guide my life here, I am in danger of missing the trumpet. I will be too preoccupied with those things and will not be listening for that sound. All other relationships have to take a very second place.

Why, because we are actually fitted to live with Christ There by His Word!

“That He might present it to Himself a glorious church...” [Ephesians 5:27]

He died for sin, therefore, I should be motivated in every action, every thought and word by His death working in me.

**“... not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish”** The Church is to be as He is. The Church will be only of those who are willing to live only for Christ.

In all love there is jealousy. In human love, there is sin in jealousy. But God is a Jealous God – for my well being! He is Jealous for me to be lifted up out of the muck and mire of this world. God is Jealous that Christ should have a Perfect Church. In God’s sight, this is far beyond the morals, opinions, standards and views of this world. We cannot put other relationships and other affairs above Christ – that is sin.

“able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” [Jude 1:24 – 25]

Christ is wise; He has been on earth and known human relationships and all their troubles, and He will help us in our needs. He cannot waver in His Love. He has shown Himself just as He is.

I must be right before God, not just to do the right thing but to be right. I must love Christ. Any relationship, any desire, any feeling to put something or someone before Christ will cause me to miss the sound of the trumpet. Only those willing to put Christ as their Passion, with their deep, strong desire for God’s Word, will hear it and go.

“And Jesus answered and spake unto them by parables, and said, 2. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage of his son, 3. And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. – *they were those who had lost interest in the Marriage (of the Lamb)* – 4. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:...” [Matthew 22:1 – 14]

**“all things are now ready”** [Luke 14:17] My attitude should be that I have the same joy as if that is the next thing I will do. They made excuses, and I can do the same by my life...

v6 “And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.” **They were tired of hearing God speaking to them.**

v7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy” **So only those who are willing will be at the Marriage of the Lamb.**

v9 “Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

v10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. **Quite a different set of people!**

In Luke’s account, the servants were to call the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind [Luke 14:21]

“ And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” [Matthew 22:11 – 13]

Outside of the Church there is nothing but Hell... This is a Glorious Age!

v14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

“Then said He also to him that bade Him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14. And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. 15. And when one of them that sat at meat with Him heard these things, he said unto Him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. 16. Then said He unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: 17. And send his servants at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. 18. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. 19. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither **the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.** 22. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. 23. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24. For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." [Luke 14:12 - 24]

**"For many are called, but few are chosen."** In This Marriage, there is a choice.

How am I related to the Lamb today?

# THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS THE LAMB

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Revelation 19:10      “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto him, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.”

**“the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.”** The Spirit of prophecy is the Holy Spirit.

“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.” [John 16:13]

A man or a woman filled with the Holy Spirit of God has always the eternal future before him, day by day. He is the Spirit of prophecy. Telling of Things to come!

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. 10. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” [1 Corinthians 2:9 – 10]

For a soul filled with the Holy Spirit, however much that one is halted or checked by assaults from Satan by temptations and finding it all heavy going, will immediately recover because of the Holy Spirit in them. They will feel things are worthwhile; there is an eternal future ahead.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not just speaking in other tongues in meetings or in private prayer. It is a practical experience – what I need to see in order to manage in this life.

**“for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”**

The Spirit of prophecy is identified as the Holy Spirit, who is the only True Witness to the Person of Christ. Christ to those in the world is unreal, just a theological subject. When we have the Holy Spirit, we are shown Christ. There is no other reliable Witness!

**“the Comforter is come...”** [John 15:26] The Holy Spirit comforts us with the True Vision, the Person of Christ. He is focussed clearly on Christ that I may see.

He has come for us to be encouraged, to have our faith stimulated, that our faith should not waver, for us to be double-minded, speaking one thing and living another.

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me. 27. And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning.” [John 15:26 - 27]

**“And ye also shall bear witness”** because of the Holy Spirit within you.

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. 8. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin...” [John 16:7]

**“He will reprove the world of sin”** by showing them the Person they should believe in.

**“... of sin, because they believe not on Me;”** [John 16:9] You see the Holy Spirit’s concentration on Christ. I need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

["He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9. Of sin, because they believe not on Me; 10. Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; 11. Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." [John 16:8 - 11]]

It isn't that the Holy Spirit in spite of me keeps me going, but that I have less or no excuse to doubt. I have no excuse not to have immediate focus on Christ in any circumstances.

**“Worship God”** the angel said to John. He, God, has revealed it this way. I follow His way then I will know the leading of the Holy Spirit. God is real! He is known by the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can make the Person of Jesus real. He is a Witness, giving Evidence. He puts Christ really before me so that failures vanish away in the Glory of JESUS!

Temptations are rolled back. The mark of the Presence of the Holy Spirit anywhere is a concentration on Jesus – a continuous concentrated focused exhortation on Jesus.

Unless Christ is real in my life, how shall I do? Without the Person of Christ being real in my life, I am lost, however much I say that I am saved...

How can I live, and meet all those accusations from Satan. I need to have Jesus real, indeed, made real to me by the Holy Spirit. I need to know when I'm supposed to love...

I need to see with the eyes of the Holy Spirit the Person all my passions are focussed upon, all my desires, all my thoughts, and to see that other things won't help me get by.

He must be real enough to me to obliterate – overwhelm – sin in my life.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” [Revelation 12:11]

The Blood of Christ is God's personal Guarantee over victory over sin and Satan's accusations. But I can't believe it unless it is made real to me by the Holy Spirit. Speaking of the Blood of the Lamb means the marred Person of Christ. This means that God is totally on my side, and totally opposed to Satan.

We can live as if we are living in Satan's lap, always admitting failure and defeat. But God guarantees Victory, because He has sent the Holy Spirit to reveal to us Jesus. Look at Peter and John after the lame man was healed...

“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.” [Acts 4:13]

**“they had been with Jesus.”** Their close association with Christ was seen by the Sanhedrin. They knew that Jesus was alive in them, because they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

**“they overcame him ... by the word of their testimony;”** by the Word of God, revealing Jesus Christ. All testimonies by the Spirit of God are of Jesus Christ. They were in the habit of revealing Christ with such reality they were able to live victoriously under all conditions

**“they overcame...”** even though they were under all the pressures of the world, the self (the flesh) and the devil. It is because God thinks victoriously, and God offers me Victory. Through Calvary. I have God's Victory. Calvary is a reminder that I am a sinner and that God has put the sin away. To know this means to be filled with the Holy Spirit.



**“and they loved not their lives unto the death.”** They were able to do it by the same Holy Spirit. They saw by the Holy Spirit Jesus in Heaven, and He was more real to them than the world and the flesh and the devil!

Jesus was more real to them than their own selves!! That is the Victory. That is living by the Spirit of God within you!

# BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Revelation 11:1 – 12 “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the Angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. 3. And I will give power unto My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 4. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. 5. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 6. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. 7. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 8. And their dead bodies shall lie in the streets of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. 10. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. 11. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. 12. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.”

This passage shows the importance for believers of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

**“And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them”** The Spirit of Life. The people wanted to keep before them their victory of sin over Righteousness so they kept the two witnesses’ dead bodies in full view, refusing to bury them. But there was the Spirit of Life! We are inclined to

keep the evidence of death, which means we are only seeing failure. But by the Spirit of God we see things differently.

We know that Jesus' Body was in the tomb for three days and three nights. For the two witnesses, after three and a half days the Spirit of Life entered them.

I must realise what it means to be filled with the Spirit of God, the Spirit of **Life**. The Spirit of **Life** destroys sin, destroys death.

Yes! If I have that attitude, if the disaster is Victory, then I am filled with the Holy Spirit.

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." [Romans 8:11]

Am I ready for that quickening? Is He quickening me now? Only then can I be free from the control of sin.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." [Romans 8:1]

Unless I live by the Spirit of God how can I claim the Promise that therefore there is now no condemnation? It is to those who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. It is conditional. It is the same Spirit of Life which entered these two men.

We are to be living only under the direction and control of the Holy Spirit. Our relationships to each other are mainly fleshly, but they should be by the Spirit. In living the Life of the Spirit we have power over sin, sickness and death.

Only by being under the Control of the Holy Spirit could Christ reveal the Heart of God.

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" [Hebrews 9:14]

By the Spirit of God we see what He has done. The Spirit was directing Him to Calvary. Humility can't be produced in us by our displaying good manners, and other 'correct' human behaviour, but only by the Spirit of God working in and through us.

"the Spirit of life from God entered into them" [Revelation 11:11]

The Spirit of **Life**. Do I have that Life, That Life, which Jesus said I should have more abundantly?

“... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” [John 10:10]

The Spirit of God has been poured out on all flesh.

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:” [Joel 2:28]

“But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:” [Acts 2:16 – 17]

I must know that All His Fullness is at my disposal, and for anyone who wants it. All those afar off... spiritually!

“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” [Acts 2:39]

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” [Acts 1:8]

“ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you”

“I will give power unto My two witnesses” [Revelation 11:3]

The two witnesses’ ministry is proclaiming the Wrath of the Lamb. It will be nothing of Grace.

“These have power to shut up heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.” [Revelation 11:6]

They are in complete control of the situation, by the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Life!

“Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.” [Zechariah 4:6]

It is not by my might, nor by my power, but only by the Holy Spirit.

The two witnesses are completely under the control of the Holy Spirit in a wicked and barren world – which we will be taken out of!!

v6 “... as often as they will.”

The power that is used destructively is the same power of the Spirit of Life. If I am filled with the Holy Spirit, and am compelled by that same Holy Spirit, if I am set on serving God, there is nothing that God can't do through me.

His Spirit will only do what God wants, so it is very safe for me. I am released from the power of guilt. I cannot do things in my own power. I have to submit to the Holy Spirit.

v7 “And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.”

So they were killed. God, by His Spirit allowed them to be killed. And Christ Himself was taken by God to Calvary.

It happened when they had finished their testimony. In those days to come, when they will preach the Wrath of the Lamb.

For us here in this present Age, there is not yet total wickedness. Therefore, we should live by that same power of the Holy Spirit.

I must see that I am filled with the Holy Spirit, as I wait for the trumpet sound and meet Jesus in the Air...

## MAKING THE CHOICE FOR THE LAMB

*These Bible Studies from the 1970s given from Pastor Norman Scutt may be even more relevant in the 21st century than in that age. This unique way of teaching the Word of God impressed me and implanted in me the **Eternal Principles** which lie within the pages of Scripture.*

Revelation 13:1 – 8 “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5. And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

In vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, the “beast” is mentioned. He is the man who will run this world for those who love this world, the world run by men.

vs. 2, 4, the “dragon” is mentioned. This is Satan.

v8. “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” Right in the middle of the description and activities of the most unregenerate man that ever lived! The moment that Man, Adam and Eve, founded a world on unbelief, the natural way, the Cross of Christ became a certainty. He was “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

The world was then Man’s system running without God as its Centre. Man started it! Satan is not the chief obstacle! Sin entered into the world by one man. Yes, Satan is a deceiver, but I don’t have to listen to his lies.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” [Romans 5:12]

The Cross became a certainty from that moment. The Plan was as concrete. Nothing in this world founded by Adam and Eve, and founded and operated by man could obtain any contact with God. All man's achievements became void. All man's hopes, dreams and ambitions became void. They all came from a filthy source, because they were independent of God. That part in me which is independent of God is sin.

"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" [Mark 8:36]

The "whole world" founded by Adam and Eva. A man losing his own soul, means he has lost the right to keep out of God's Judgments. For God to say to man that he will "lose his own soul" is not a threat. It is a Statement of Fact.

From the moment the world was founded upon this Independence from God, we were doomed. The Cross of Jesus showed man that he was doomed. It reveals his disregard of the Word of God, his unbelief in it.

Doubting can cause disobedience. Eternal Death is the Result.

**"The soul that sinneth, it shall die..."** [Ezekiel 18:20]. That is the inevitable end when one keeps on doing what one wants, and not what God wants. God, that is, Christ, confronted man from the beginning of their independent action with the Death of Christ. "... and thou [Satan] shalt bruise His heel." [Genesis 3:15]

For me, in my life today, death to self means death to my thinking and having the Mind of Christ. The only alternative is eternal death to the soul.

**"the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."** He was reckoned slain from its foundation. As the Lamb, He will open the book sealed with seven seals; the book of final settlement.

Jesus Himself is the pearl of great price.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." [Matthew 13:45 - 46]

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass." [Revelation 21:21]

The Church and all the redeemed will go into the Holy City, New Jerusalem, through gates of pearl!

It is a straight path, all is clear, with no hiding of anything, all is visible. Even the marks of my shame on the Body of Jesus is clearly visible! We come to God only, only, through the Lamb.

Abel, Adam's second son, accepted God's alternative death of a lamb as the only means of contact with God. He knew that God had prepared a substituted death. He knew that something had to be done for the cleansing of his sin. Cain rejected that in his fleshly nature was no good thing ["For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:..." [Romans 7:18]].

"And she [Eve] again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3. And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5. But unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." [Genesis 4:2 - 5]

Man does not have to murder, as Cain murdered his own brother, [v8] in order to reject the Cross. He just rejects it, the Fact that Blood must be shed to atone for the sinful soul of man.

After the Church has gone, and the Holy Spirit also, those who will be left behind will be those who rejected Christ in their life.

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [the man, the beast]" [Revelation 13:8]

"Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." [Matthew 24:40 - 42]

**"all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him"**

**"one shall be taken, and the other left"**

No one need lose out. Everyone has the opportunity to except God's Lamb, His alternative for you sinful soul.

Those who will be left behind are rejecters of Christ as their way of life. Therefore, it will be the case that the Holy Spirit cannot find one more soul that He can move upon to accept the Lamb as his offering for his sinful soul. [to reject means to dismiss as inadequate, unacceptable, or faulty]



Those who will be left behind are those who refused the view that their natures are polluted from the beginning, and that they are therefore unable to live with God.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” [Romans 3:23]

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me.”  
[Psalm 51:5]

“**All have sinned**”. We were born in sin. “**Shapen in iniquity**”. Therefore the Lamb, the Cross, was planned by God from that moment of man’s independence from Him.

*Pride must be rooted out of our lives. [Pride can be something we may not recognise as pride. If I say, ‘I’m no good. I’m a failure. I can’t go on’, this is actually pride being driven by shame or a poor vision of what we should be in Christ. Feeling inadequate, we compensate by blaming others, which then would make us feel superior to them. Pride also prevents us from facing up to what makes us vulnerable. Shame-driven pride cannot say, ‘I’m sorry, I’m in the wrong. It was my mistake.’ Because when pride takes us over, we think that we are always in the right.]*

We must root out Pride. Saying, ‘I’m no good, I’m a failure, I can’t go on...’ is known to be a form of pride. It is the Lamb who is the Answer from the beginning. He alone, through the Cross, the shedding of His Blood for our sin, is the Answer for every life.

Refusers have put out of their minds God’s point of view of man’s nature. It is the way of Cain, self-righteousness, independent of God.

“whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb”  
[Revelation 13:8]

The Record is maintained by Christ Himself. It began then, at the beginning. The Holy Spirit can enlarge my understanding and show me what I need to see for me to see how great God is!

The Lamb’s Book of Life is a Record of Christ’s of those who look to Him for everything; of those who cling to Him personally. He knows that I need Him! By the Word and the Spirit, Christ gives me what I need. I am to say, ‘You are my Life, Lord Jesus.’

I am not to carve out my own Christian life. Christ does not have different views to His actions. He is One Being with One Mind.

He, the Lamb, puts a name into His Book, and no one other than He can erase it.  
If I don't want Him, He will continue to ask me, 'Don't you want Me?'  
And when He knows I will never, He will erase it...

I cannot live with God without Christ! I must take Christ as my life or live without Him in a lost eternity. There is no God for me without JESUS.

"I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me:" [Isaiah 45:5]

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." [1 John 5:12]

"He that hath the Son hath life;" We cannot have Christ in our life and not have contact with God.

"and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." We cannot see God There without Christ here!

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)" [1 John 1:1 – 2]

**"that eternal life"** Christ is That Eternal Life with God before the world began. God planned a Family to be just like Christ from the beginning – the One who said, **"I was daily His delight"** [Proverbs 8:30]. And Jesus took up the Plan which meant Him going to the Cross in order to continue the Desire of God.

Without Christ I will not see God, ever. Christ is the Judge, so He will send a soul to Hell and the Lake of Fire, without that soul seeing God at all.

"And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." [Revelation 17:11]

The beast, the man with Satan in him, was first appointed as world ruler to resolve the world's problems – and he will go into perdition; Hell and the Lake of Fire...

There is an attraction of the flesh to evil, and it doesn't always look bad to start with.

Everyone born into this world since Adam can have their name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. *[It is actually written in when we come into the world?]*  
As we consider and focus on JESUS, what do we learn about His commitments?

His Business was to Die.

His Business was to add names to His Book, to put in those names which could enter God's Presence.

If my name remains in the Lamb's Book of Life, I will be officially accepted by God as a member of His Kingdom.

It is a Book of Life, and it is kept by the Prince of Life [Acts 3:15]. He is the Source of all life for man.

Every one written and remaining in His Book can look forward to God's Fellowship, God's Companionship and God's Physical Care for all Eternity.

The book of Revelation speaks of Two Classes of people.

One. Those with Christ, worshipping Him as the Lamb in Heaven.

Two. Those who want their earthly life without Christ, worshipping the dragon.

What is the reason for a man to worship someone else?

One is worshipped who is considered more important, more influential than anyone else.

5:12 "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

13:4 "they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast"

The whole world will worship Satan. There is no restraint. [The Holy Spirit has gone with the Church. 2 Thessalonians 2:6 – 7] Their refusal of God's View started in the Garden of Eden [Genesis 3].

They won't know that it is Satan, the Devil. They will marvel at his ability through the beast, the man.

Look at Revelation 11, where the Two Witnesses are killed by the beast which is identified as Satan.

The world took great pleasure in their deaths. They saw their murder as by the hand of the beast, the man with the beast, Satan, working through him.

11: “And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that 7-10 ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 8. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. 10. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth.”

We that are saved by the Blood of the Lamb, with our names remaining in the book of life of the Lamb, shall be free for evermore. Free from self!

When Jesus comes again for His redeemed from all ages, for those rejecters left behind, it will be the beginning of their eternal torment. [The Spirit of God leaving means there is no hope of Salvation through Repentance; no answer to their prayers, however desperate their need...]

We are not redeemed by silver or gold. We were not redeemed by the futile lives of that tradition passed down to us from other sinful men. No! God's Redemption for man was foreordained before unbelief founded the world.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20. Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.”  
[1 Peter 1:18 – 20]

That Source, that Fountain of Life was the Pattern for God's Family from the beginning, but now, as Jesus Christ, the Risen Son of God, He has been manifested, shown forth to all as the Lamb.

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